

BODY OF COUNTESS DE SIBOUR REACHES HOME OF HER SON

Will Be Taken to Richmond for Burial After Services Here.

The body of the Dowager Countess de Sibour, for twenty years a leader in Washington society, who died yesterday at her summer home at Narragansett Pier, R. I., arrived here this morning at 10 o'clock. One hour later funeral services were held at the residence of her son, Viscount Henri de Sibour, 1608 K street northwest. This afternoon the body will be taken to Richmond, Va., and buried in the lot with the late Count Gabriel de Sibour, husband of the dead woman.

At the funeral this morning the services were conducted by the Rev. E. Slater Dunlap, assistant rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, at St. Stephen and H streets, of which the countess had been a member and regular attendant until the failure of her health.

Until last winter, the countess, who was seventy-nine years old, had known remarkably good health and even at that age was prominent in many social functions. A stroke of paralysis, from which she never fully recovered, necessitated her removal to Narragansett some weeks ago, her physicians believing that the sea air would restore her lost strength. Since her arrival there, however, she has been very feeble and has only been able to leave the house once.

Prominent in Society.

For twenty years a resident of Washington, the Countess de Sibour has been one of the most prominent social leaders and club women in the National Capital. Her residence, at 277 Vermont square, has long been famous for the brilliant entertainments given there. She was a great devotee of whist, and until the stroke of paralysis last winter, was a daily visitor to the Washington Club, of which she had long been a member. She was fond of the country, and was frequently seen at the Chevy Chase Club, of which she was also a member. She had at one time held offices in the Colonial Dames and was prominently identified with other important organizations.

Countess de Sibour was an American, a native of Belfast, Me., her maiden name being Miss Mary de Sibour. She was married to Count de Sibour about forty years ago and until his death, about twenty years ago, lived with him in Paris, where she became exceedingly popular in the society of the French capital. The death of the count occurred while he was in Washington as the French consul at Richmond.

At Mother's Bedside.

Count Louis de Sibour, her eldest son, who lives in Paris, and Viscount Henri de Sibour, a prominent architect of this city, were at the bedside of their mother when the end came. Count Louis de Sibour and his wife, who was formerly of Philadelphia, preceded the funeral train, and, arriving in Washington early this morning, have been arranging for the funeral.

Viscount Henri de Sibour and his wife, who was formerly Miss Margaret Claggett, of this city, together with their two children, accompanied the body from Narragansett to Washington. The count had been with his mother for several weeks and the viscount went to her bedside last Friday.

Although she had already attained a remarkable age and it was known that her health was not good, her death was unexpected. It is said that her friends in Washington were shocked to learn of it.

MISS MARGARET BARRY.

Without a relative or friend in the city, and almost without acquaintance, Miss Margaret Barry, seventy years old, died yesterday in Georgetown University Hospital. Funeral services will be held for her tomorrow at 9 o'clock at St. Peter's Church, and she will be buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

A native of Ireland she came to this country when still in her teens, and purchased a little house at 1106 C street northeast. She at once went into a life of seclusion, and it is said that her last illness she never left the little home except to attend services at St. Peter's Church. She was a regular, but never mingled with the congregation.

She became ill four months ago, and was taken to the hospital, where for the first time in her life, perhaps, other persons than herself administered to her needs.

MRS. IDA E. MECKES.

Funeral services for Mrs. Ida E. Meckes, who was found dead in her bath yesterday, supposedly from heart failure, will probably be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from 1226 Thirteenth street northwest. Burial will be in Glenwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Meckes, who was fifty-two years old, was housekeeper in the Portland apartment house, at Fourteenth street and Thomas circle. Yesterday morning, when she did not appear for her duties at the usual time, a colored maid, Lillie Iyer, went into her apartments and found her body in the bath. Coroner Nevitt was summoned and gave a certificate of death from heart disease.

Mrs. Meckes' husband died several years ago. She formerly lived at 1346 Monroe street northwest. A daughter, Jessie, of Bedford City, Va., is her only surviving child.

JOHN E. RISLEY.

Simple funeral services were held this afternoon at Hines' undertaking rooms, 1715 Fourteenth street northwest, for John E. Risley, formerly United States minister to Denmark under President Cleveland's second administration, and during the beginning of President McKinley's first administration, who died after an illness of several weeks at 1326 Vermont avenue.

The body will be taken tonight to Woodlawn, N. Y., the old home of the diplomat, and will be buried there, probably tomorrow.

MRS. V. C. THOMPSON.

Relatives in Washington have received word that Mrs. Victoria Carver Thompson, of Chicago, a sister of Mrs. L. Z. Leiter, of Washington, was drowned yesterday in Carver Pond, near Manchester, Vt. Mrs. Thompson was fifty-five years old, the widow of John H. Thompson and had for years been popular in Chicago society. She had visited her sister here on several occasions.

JOHN M. JESTER.

John M. Jester, for more than twenty years a clerk in the postoffice department, was buried this afternoon in Arlington National Cemetery. The Rev. George W. Kate, of the First Spiritualist Association, conducted funeral ser-

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That beef will be cheaper than for a number of years and the high cost of living will be generally reduced in the declaration of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, based on the prospective record harvests of grain in the United States this year. By predicting a drop in the price of beef, Secretary Wilson states that he does not mean the meat will be as cheap as it was a decade ago. He declares that in his opinion it will never reach that level.

The third greatest corn crop in the history of the United States will be harvested in the fall, while records in other grain crops will go by the board, Secretary predicts. These record crops, however, about by the moderate climate experienced during the summer months, the secretary declares, cannot help but bring down the price of many articles that grace the tables of Americans.</